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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 1, 2023

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2023, is forecast at 4.13 million bushels, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 57 percent below last year's production of 9.58 million bushels. Area for harvest, forecast at 39,000 acres, is 45,000 acres less than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 106.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels per acre from last year's yield.

As of April 30, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 1 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 58 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 67 percent excellent last year.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2023, totaled a record low 10,000 tons, unchanged from stocks on hand last year. Hay production for 2022 totaled 2.39 million tons, 1 percent lower than production in 2021. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023, was 240,000 tons, compared with 170,000 tons during the same period a year earlier.

Final **all cotton** production in Arizona for 2022 totaled 308,000 480-lb bales, 8 percent below 2021. Area of all cotton harvested, at 100,400 acres, is down 27,400 acres from last year. The all cotton yield totaled 1,473 pounds per acre, up 219 pounds per acre from 2021. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 87,000 acres for 2022, with 86,000 acres harvested. Upland cotton production totaled 280,000 480-lb bales, down 11 percent from the 2021 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,563 pounds per acre, up 288 pounds per acre from last year. **American Pima** cotton planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres for 2022, with 14,400 acres harvested. Arizona's 2022 American Pima production is estimated at 28,000 480-lb bales, with an average yield of 933 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 25.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 514 million bushels, is down 3 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 406 million bushels, is up 21 percent from 2022. White Winter, at 210 million bushels, is down 11 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 10.2 million bushels are Hard White and 200 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 6.33 million bushels, down 53 percent from last year. Acreage intended for harvest in these two states is down 50 percent from 2022.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from May 1, 2022. The May 1 hay stock level for the United States represents the second lowest amount stored since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All cotton 2022 final production is estimated at 14.5 million 480-pound bales, 17 percent lower than the 2021 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 950 pounds per acre, up 131 pounds from the previous year. **Upland** cotton production is estimated at 14.0 million 480-pound bales, down 19 percent from the 2021 crop. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 942 pounds per acre, up 129 pounds from 2021. **American Pima** production is estimated at 470,000 bales (480-pounds), up 42 percent from 2021. The United States yield is estimated at 1,280 pounds per acre, down 8 pounds from the previous season.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.